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will always end. This may be true, but as of today, it's embarrassing for the state to have the amount of surplus in the coffers and not let Nebraska taxpayers keep more of their hard-earned money. We've decided to spend the taxpayers' money improving state aid to education, dealing with huge backlog of deferred maintenance of the state's buildings, and improving our efforts to care for the people in this state who cannot care for themselves. These are important spending priorities. I also believe strongly, however, that we can afford another 2 percent income tax cut. You must decide if you are a tax spender or a tax cutter. After all, if the money is not in the state coffers, we cannot spend it. I would really appreciate it if you would think seriously of supporting me on this. I've talked to a lot of you. I've handed out some statistics, and I see that Senator Wickersham has also handed out some statistics. As the saying goes, there are lies, damnable lies, and then there are statistics. So however you want to read the numbers, whatever numbers you want to look at, whatever assumptions you want to make, think seriously of the constituents you have in your districts, and whether this is good for a vast majority of those people living in your districts. And I urge you to be a tax cutter and not a tax spender. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wesely. Excuse me, Senator Wesely, there's an amendment on the desk. Senator, I will keep your light on, though, and we're going to move to the amendment to the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Raikes would move to amend AM4317.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, thank you. I wish to offer Amendment 4320 to the amendment offered by Senator Suttle. This amendment strikes the 2 percent cut proposed by Senator Suttle and adds LB 1109 as revised by the infamous Revenue Committee. I certainly mean no disrespect to Senator Suttle's fine opening there, I...even though I am taking her 2 percent cut out of the bill. The childcare credit portion of LB 1028, offered by Senator Landis, is not affected by this